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**Michele Shalaby, Chair
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Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2015
6 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Michele Shalaby, Chair
Nathaniel Yohalem
Tara B. White

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Richard Long
Tom Stalker
Richard Stebbins

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 minutes and to hold the minutes of September 21, 2015 until the October 5, 2015.

Town Administrator Updates

Land Conveyance from Land Trust to Cemetery Commission

The New Marlborough Land Trust has indicated interest in donating a parcel of land to the Town that borders the Lee Memorial Cemetery on Norfolk Road in Southfield. The Cemetery Commission has determined it would be a useful addition to the cemetery. Town Counsel will be contacted to determine the next step

Revolutionary War Soldier Memorial

Laurie Hils, and perhaps Jim Parrish, will be contacted to determine if there is a town list of those soldiers who served during the Revolutionary War.

Selectmen's Updates

School Assessment

Southern Berkshire Regional School District Superintendent, David Hastings, contacted the Selectmen over the weekend and informed them that the FY16 assessments to the five

towns were incorrectly calculated. On Monday morning, he informed Michele Shalaby that New Marlborough was under assessed by \$39,979. The School Committee Finance Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, September 30, and possibly a subsequent meeting on October 1, to discuss the ramifications of this error.

Broadband

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, stated she had not heard from Eric Nakajima, Massachusetts Broadband Institute, regarding the questions that were asked of him during his meeting with the Broadband ad hoc Committee. Select Chair, Michele Shalaby, stated she would like the Broadband ad hoc Committee to be responsible for having questions asked and answered, while the Board of Selectmen would be responsible for handling the issuance of the bond, making recommendations regarding an operator, legal issues and setting a Special Meeting in April 2016.

Richard Long and Tom Stalker, residents of New Marlborough, were present to offer their assistance with broadband issues, such as an RFP and financing issues. They were invited to the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7 p.m. to discuss these issues.

Selectman, Tara White, suggested that middle-mile towns be contacted to gather information on their experiences with broadband.

Nuisance Phone Calls

It was reported that many residents have been receiving unsolicited phone calls. The Police Chief will be advised of this activity.

Highway Employee

The Highway Department has hired Peer Wilson as a temporary employee. His rate of pay is \$19.00 per hour.

New Marlborough Monterey Road

Mr. Richard Stebbins presented the Board with six letter from residents residing on New Marlborough Monterey Road requesting that the road name be changed back to its original name, i.e. North Road. From a historical perspective, North Road represents the original name of the road which the residents felt was more appropriate than its current name. Counsel will be contacted regarding name change, but it will have to be approved by the New Marlborough residents at a Town Meeting.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary